

**2021-2022MY Rio & Forte
Lower Steering Column U-Joint Bolt
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

March 24, 2022	Kia Mexico (KMX) identifies noise in the steering column during a test drive at the plant of a 2022MY Kia Rio.
April 13, 2022	KMX investigates noise issue and identifies issue in subject 2022MY Kia Rio was due to low torque applied to steering column U-joint bolt with supplemental torque wrench at the vehicle assembly plant.
April 21, 2022	KMX notifies Kia North America (Kia NA) Product Quality (PQ) and Kia NA Safety Office of potential low torque condition in certain 2021-2022MY Kia Rio and Forte.
April 25, 2022	Kia NA Safety Office completes review of field data and confirms no related complaints or warranty claims associated with condition for either the 2021-2022MY Rio or Forte vehicles.
April 28, 2022	Kia NA decides to conduct a safety recall for certain 2021-2022MY Rio and certain 2021-2022MY Forte vehicles. No customer complaints, warranty claims or techline cases. No fatalities, injuries, crashes or fires.